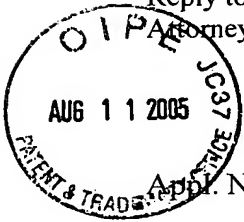


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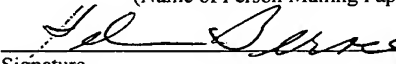
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 18, 2005, in which a shortened statutory period for reply was set for one month. Applicants' Amendment of April 15, 2005, was deemed to be non-compliant because claim 44 did not provide the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to MAIL STOP AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on August 9, 2005.	
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Applicants submit herewith a complete "Listing of Claims," pages numbered 2-15 of the prior Amendment and a two-month Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicants were given one month from the mailing date of the Notice, namely, until June 18, 2005 to comply. This Response with a 2-month Petition for Extension of Time is considered to be timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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